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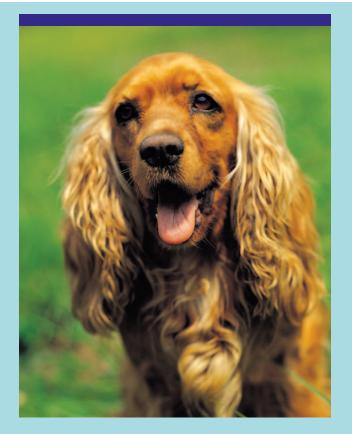
# **Busy Times at the County Detention Center**

Efficient detention centers are not usually the first thing residents consider when they think of their quality of life, but they are a necessity for all of us in order to feel secure in our homes, neighborhoods, and recreational areas. Campbell County is no exception.

Campbell County Detention
Center operates at a fast pace. The new
Restricted Custody Center is up and
running, caring for 300-plus inmates.
We have just opened a new kitchen and
laundry facility and are in the process
of planning a new building which
will provide an additional 256 secure
inmate beds.

Taking a unique and positive step, the Restricted Custody Center has initiated a canine training program. This program involves training inmates to work with and train dogs in obedience from the Campbell County Animal Shelter. The intent is to expand this program and allow training of animals for use with individuals with various handicaps. This is a win-win program: trained dogs make better pets and companions so are far more likely to be adopted by families. This reduces the number of animals put to sleep. The program also provides inmates with a usable skill for their reintroduction into society.

The Detention Center has recently opened a new kitchen and laundry facility. This is an addition to the physical structure and housing capability of the current facility. This



The Restricted Custody Center's canine training program teaches inmates to train dogs from the Campbell County Animal Shelter in obedience. Trained dogs make better pets and companions so are far more likely to be adopted by families.

new facility is designed to facilitate the provision of food and laundry service for 700-plus inmates. This is part of the overall plan for expansion of the Campbell County Detention facility. The laundry and kitchen have a minimum number of paid staff with the remainder of the work being done by "Class D" inmates. Class D inmates are low-level non-violent felons. This program is again designed to reduce the overall fiscal impact to the taxpayers of Campbell County.

During the past fiscal year (6/04-6/05), 6,195 people were arrested on 9,017 separate charges and lodged in our facility. Campbell County has an average daily inmate population of 260 inmates, counting inmates in both the main jail and the Restricted Custody Center. In real terms, this equates to 256,000 meals, over 700 attorney visits, over 120 Exodus and/or clergy visits, 3,682 inmate with family or friend visits, approximately 1,300 instances of inmate recreation, and numerous other activities that occur on a daily basis within the walls of the Detention Center. Every activity requires at least two separate movements by a staff member so activity within the Campbell County Detention Center is much like the activity of a giant beehive.

In addition to these daily events, the Detention Center has continued to increase the number of inmates housed at the Restricted Custody Center. For the past six months the Restricted Custody Center has housed an average of 101 inmates, consisting of Class C and D low-level non-violent felons. This number is important because the state

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## **Campbell County Detention Center, continued**

#### **BUSY TIMES**, continued from page I

pays the county to house these people. The fees generated by the RCC help offset the costs borne by the taxpayer for the entire Campbell County Detention Center.

The Detention Center continues to work with the Fiscal Court to implement the plans for expansion of our facility. For the past several years our jail has been operating and housing prisoners in excess of the original design capacity. Although the Detention Center has worked hard to meet or exceed the legal requirements of housing inmates, it is clear that the numbers of inmates continue to grow. We are currently out to bid on a 256-bed expansion. The design of this structure is known as "direct supervision." Campbell County has investigated various designs for new jails and has determined this type of facility is cost effective to build. As

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important, this type of facility is more efficient to operate on a daily basis. A direct supervision facility requires fewer deputies to supervise larger numbers of inmates. The need for internal inmate movement is reduced providing further

reduction in needed personnel for visitation, medical or other required program movements.

Once these beds are in place, Campbell County will have the capacity to house approximately 550 total inmates. The studies conducted indicate this should provide sufficient beds for Campbell County inmates for approximately 15 to 20 years into the future. With this expansion project, along with other efforts to reduce the inmate population, it is hoped it will exceed the years estimated by the experts.

Part of the duties of the Detention Center, in addition to safely housing inmates, is to provide adequate medical care. With the significant increase over the past 10 years this has been an expensive task. In an effort to provide the required care and to reduce the need for expansive medical treatment, the Detention Center added a registered nurse as the medical supervisor. This is the first time in the history of our detention facility this has occurred. Again, the goal is that this position will have the overall impact of reducing medical costs associated with the Detention Center.

It would be nice if jails and detention centers were not necesary, but the unfortunate truth is that the inmate population in Campbell County, as throughout the nation, continues to grow at an alarming rate. In Kentucky the growth rate has been 5-6 percent over the past few years. The goal for us in Campbell County is to be able to provide a jail that meets or exceeds constitutional requirements, and to do so at the lowest cost possible to the taxpayers of Campbell County.

## Campbell County Clerk

# **News From the County Clerk**

## **New Website**

On January 3, 2006 the Clerk's office opened a website for use by the citizens of Campbell County. The site contains information about hours, phone numbers, vehicle registration and titling, information on filing land records, notary applications, voting information, marriage info, and links to the PVA, Fiscal Court and most State forms used in the Clerk's office. By April 1, we should have access to the land records that are in our computer system for viewing and copying. Visit us online at:

www.campbellcountykyclerk.org

# Largest Elections in County's History This Year

There were no scheduled elections in 2005, but 2006 will definitely make up for that as we will have elections for US Representative, State Senators and Representatives, all county offices, city offices and Newport mayor, and all school boards.

If you have moved into our county and wish to vote, you must register with the Clerk's office. If you moved within the county since you last voted, you must re-register with the Clerk's office with your new address.

If you're not registered to vote, you may register at the Clerk's offices in Newport and Alexandria, the Campbell County libraries, driver's license office when you renew, Food Stamp, WIC, Medicaid, State Disability offices or, if a student, at your high school office.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING CALL (859)292-3885.

#### **Marriage Licenses**

Spring is also the time for many marriages and you must get your license at the Clerk's office. When applying for the license, remember that it is good for

only 30 days after purchase and is usable anywhere in the State of Kentucky. Some rules about getting a license: 1) Both parties must be 18 or parental consent is required, 2) both parties must be present to obtain the license, 3) a picture ID must be shown (if a passport, it must be in English), 4) if one or both parties are 16 or 17, a birth certificate is necessary, and the female needs proof of residency in Campbell County, and parent or legal guardian must sign consent forms, 5) anyone under the age of 16 must get a court order from the District Judge along with the other above requirements. The cost is \$34.50.

The Campbell County Clerk is a public service office. We are here to serve you with your vehicle, land records, voting and marriage information and problems. If you have questions concerning these areas please contact us.

### **Campbell County Clerk**

# Jack Snodgrass, Campbell County Clerk

#### **Newport**

340 York Street, Newport, KY 41071 Mon, 8:30 am–6 pm Tues–Fri, 8:30 am–4 pm\*

> deeds: (859) 292–3845 auto: (859) 292–3850 voters: (859) 292–3885 fax: (859) 292–3887

#### **Alexandria**

19 E. Main, Alexandria, KY 41071 M, T, W, F, 8:30 am—4 pm Thurs, 8:30 am—6 pm\* (859) 635–2151

\*Both offices are open most Saturdays, 9 am-noon.

# Subdivision Regulations to Be Standardized



Standardized subdivision regulations for all three Northern Kentucky counties will make for a more efficient process for everyone.

The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) staff is working closely with planning officials from Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties to make subdivision regulations the same in all three counties. "At this point, most of the jurisdictions have committed to be a part of this," said Dennis Gordon, NKAPC executive director. "I'm optimistic that before we conclude our work, we'll have most, if not all of the communities at the table."

Subdivision regulations are written and administered by planning commissions in Kentucky. They include standards for dividing land, design requirements for engineering new streets, sidewalks, and utilities, and provisions for filing records with the county before any lots are sold. The regulations ultimately affect builders and developers.

"It's a great initiative," said Scott Hiles, deputy director for infrastructure engineering at NKAPC. "The regulations that exist in all these counties are very similar, but it can be a pain for a developer to think, 'OK, which city am I in now?' This will ease that difficulty and make the regulations as nearly the same as possible."

Hiles is hopeful that all cities will participate actively so the final set of subdivision regulations reflects every community's needs.

"I know each city will want to add their own flavor to these regulations," said Hiles. "I think that's a healthy thing."

"It's always difficult to elicit change," he said, "but everyone is benefiting from this and it will make for a much more efficient process for everyone involved."

# **Critical Mapping Data Being Upgraded**

Campbell County's GIS partnership reviewed its street network data recently and realized it was not as current as it could or should be. Working with NKAPC's GIS Administration team, the partnership committed the funds necessary to upgrade its centerline information. Work to update the data is underway now.

The information gathered from this project will be useful in many ways.

"Aside from having the most up-todate information for mapping purposes, this new information will be extremely helpful to emergency management," said Trisha Brush, Deputy Director for GIS Administration. "It will make it easier for emergency responders to find an address or a location in a short period of time."

In GIS terms, street network data typically include the centerline of roads and streets and address ranges for properties along them. This allows GIS users to enter an address and the computer system will provide a map showing the general location of the property.

"Campbell County's street network data included lines without address information," said Brush. "Its usefulness was limited."

"NKAPC is working closely with the Campbell County GIS partnership," said Brush. "We have finished mapping Bellevue and Dayton and will eventually complete all cities and unincorporated areas in Campbell County."

The Campbell County GIS
partnership consists of
Sanitation District #1 of
Northern Kentucky, the
Northern Kentucky
Water District,
Campbell County
Fiscal Court, and
the Campbell
County Property
Valuation
Administrator.

"Everything is going as planned," said Brush. "We're right on track with where we should be to complete the project by the end of August."

## New Website

The Area Planning Commission recently upgraded its web presence in a major way. More changes and additions are planned before summer. The address is:

## www.nkapc.org.

Check out the changes as they relate to activities before the Campbell County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission and the Cold Spring Planning and Zoning Commission.

Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission



2332 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017 *phone*: 859/331-8980

www.nkapc.org

# News You Can Use

## **Time for Kindergarten Registration**

In March, Campbell County Schools will begin registering Kindergarten students for the 2006-2007 school year. All Day Kindergarten will be available on a tuition basis. Students should register at the school designated to serve their area of residence. Registration dates are:

Campbell Ridge Elementary	March 7-8 March 9	9 am - 2 pm 4 - 7 pm
Donald E. Cline Elementary	March 6-8 March 8	9 - 11 am 4 - 7 pm
Grant's Lick Elementary	March 7	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Highland Heights Elementary	March 14	6:30 pm
John W. Reiley Elementary	March 6 & 8 March 7	9 am - 2 pm 4 - 7 pm

## **Schools Showcased**

# Come See What We're All About March 2 at Campbell County Middle School

Now is the best time to be choosy. At Campbell County Schools, we are proud of the high quality education and services that we provide to our students

— and we think you will agree.

We will show you a sampling of what we can offer you:

- Literacy and Read to Achieve
- Health and Wellness

- Everyday Math
- Technology and Robotics
- Teacher Quality
- Gifted and Talented
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Preschool and Special Education
- And more!

Doors open at 5 pm. We will be

waiting to welcome you.

# New Website Offers Information Instantly

Need to check the school calendar? Want to see a school's test scores? Visit our new Website at

### www.campbellcountyschools.org.

The Campbell County School
District launched its first website in 1997.
Now it has been relaunched with a new look and a new navigational structure.
From school lunch menus to policy and Board information — the information is there for you in an instant.

The home page features a scrolling bar that will highlight timely information, such as school closings, immediately after the decision is made. Other features include a special design so that parents, students, employees, and community members can find the facts they want – fast.

Add us to your list of favorite websites and remember to visit us often.



# **Upcoming Events**

February 20	President's Day — No School (EXCEPT Campbell Ridge Elementary)
March 2	Read Across the County Day — Dr. Seuss's Birthday; Campbell County Schools Showcase, 5 pm
March 16-17	Spring Intersession (Campbell Ridge Elementary in Session on March 16)
March 20-23	Spring Break
March 24	Professional Development Day — No School
April 17-28	Testing Window

## **Campbell County Schools**



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## **2006 Tentative Festival Schedule**

## **Newport Italianfest**

**Date:** June 8 - 11

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Thursday, 8 pm - 11 pm Friday, 5 pm - 11 pm

Saturday, 1 pm - 11 pm Sunday, Noon - 9 pm



### \*\*Irish Heritage Festival

**Date:** June 23-25 (tentative) **Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Friday, 6 pm - 11 pm

> Saturday, Noon - 11 pm Sunday, Noon - 9 pm

## \*\* Greater Cincinnati **Champboat Grand Prix** on the Levee

**Date:** July 14 - 16

**Location:** Newport Riverfront

### **Newport Arts and Music Festival**

**Date:** July 29 - 30

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Saturday, Noon - 10 pm

Sunday, Noon - 7 pm

#### \*\* Glier's Goettafest

**Date:** August 4 - 6

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Friday, 5 pm - 11 pm

> Saturday, Noon - 11 pm Sunday, Noon - 9 pm

## \*\* Northern **Kentucky** Latino Music **Festival**

Del Rio" Date: August 19

"Fiesta

(tentative) **Location:** Newport Riverfront

**Times:** Saturday, Noon - 11 pm

## **Kentucky State Chili** Cook-Off & Car Show

**Date:** August 27

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Sunday, 11 am - 7 pm

#### **Riverfest**

**Location:** Newport Riverfront

## \*\* America's Celebration — **Newport Motorcycle**

**Rally** 

**Date:** July 1 - 4

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Saturday, Noon - 11 pm

Sunday, Noon - 11 pm

Monday, Noon - 9 pm Tuesday, Noon - 9 pm

## \*\* Great Inland Seafood Festival in Newport and Cincinnati

**Date:** August 10 - 13

**Location:** Newport Riverfront

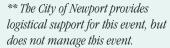
**Times:** Thursday, 6 pm - 11 pm

Friday, 6 pm - 11 pm Saturday, Noon - 11 pm

Sunday, Noon - 9 pm

**Date:** September 3

**Times:** Sunday, Noon - 10 pm



\*\* Tall Stacks Music, Arts and Heritage Festival

October 4 - 8

**Location:** Newport Riverfront

Date:

\*\* Newport Oktoberfest

Saturday, Noon - 11 pm

Sunday, Noon - 9 pm

Date: September 29 -October 1

**Location:** Newport Riverfront **Times:** Friday, 5 pm - 11 pm







For updated festival information, please call (859)292-3666 or visit www.newportky.gov.

## **Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service**

# What Is the Campbell County Extension Service?

The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service is a joint educational effort of the federal, state and county governments and is administered through the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

County Extension Agents provide a variety of free services to the citizens of Campbell County. We are on call to answer questions in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, Horticulture, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Extension Agents are available as program speakers, and also provide ongoing educational programs throughout the county.

Educational opportunities are delivered to the residents of Campbell County in a variety of ways including community education programs, Homemaker clubs, 4-H clubs, projects and camps, workshops, newsletters, newspaper articles, publications, field days, demonstrations, research trials, and visits.

Feel free to contact our office for more details about our individual program efforts.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

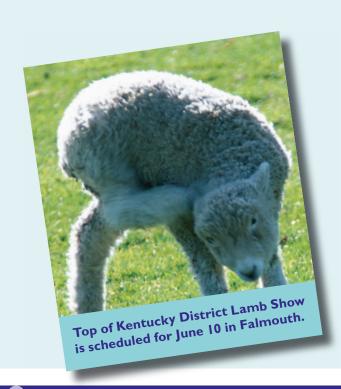
## **Calendar of Events**

The following is a partial list of upcoming programs of the Campbell County Extension Service. Unless indicated all programs will be held at the Campbell County Extension office at 3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights. The Campbell County Environmental Education Center (EEC) is located 1 mile east of US 27 on Route 824 or Race Track Road. **Pre-registration required for all programs by calling (859) 572-2600.** 

#### **ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS**

2nd Thursdays	Diabetes Support Group, 10 am
3rd Wednesdays	NKy Urban Forestry Council, noon. Call for more details.
4th Thursdays	Parenting Connection, 6:30 pm. Call for more details.

### **4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



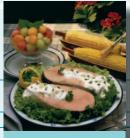
February 24-25	State 4-H Leaders Forum, Lexington
February 25	4-H & FFA Steer Weigh In/tag day, Falmouth
March 3-5	KY Beef Expo, Louisville
March 6	4-H Demonstrations
March 7	4-H Talk Meet Finals
March 11	4-H Area Communications Event
March 16-17	Spring Break Day Camp
April 15	NK Beef Preview Show, Falmouth
April 28	4-H Fashion Show, 7 pm
April 29	4-H Sheep/Hog Weigh In/tag day, Kenton Co.
May 20	NK Livestock Judging Contest, Boone Co.
June 2-4	District # 3 4-H Horse Shows, Frankfort
June 3	4-H/Red Cross Babysitting Clinic, 9 am-5 pm
June 3	NK District Beef Show, Kenton Co.
June 6-8	Health Rocks! Day Camp
June 10	Top of KY District Lamb Show, Falmouth
June 11-16	Campbell Co. 4-H Horse Camp, Alexandria
June 12-15	4-H Teen Conference, Lexington
July 24-28	4-H Resident Camp, Carlisle

## **Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service**

### **AGRICULTURE**

February 16, 21, March 7	Managing Fertility for Maximum Production &	
	Profitability, call for more information	
February 23	26th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference, Lexington	
February 28	Horse Pastures: Opportunities and Challenges,	
	6:30 pm	

March 9, 30,	Master Grazer (Pasture Management Program),
April 13, 27, May 11, 25	Kenton Co. Extension Office
March 14	Pond Weed Control, 5:30-8:30 pm
March 23	Weed Management in Pastures, Hayfields and
	Fencerows. EEC. Call for more information.
March 27	Beef Quality Assurance, 7 pm; Bull Selection, 8 pm. EEC



Cooking Fish
— March 9, 6:30 pm

### **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

February 14, 21, 28	Simply Scrapping — Scrapbooking Series, 6-9 pm
March 9	What's For Dinner? Fish. 6:30 pm.
	\$10/person, prepaid by March 3
March 20-June 1	Walking Program, EEC
April 6	Internet Safety, 6:30-8 pm

	April 18-19	Sewing Expo, General Butler State Park
-	April 20, 27 & May 4	Money in Marriage Series,
		6:30-9 pm, Kenton Co. Durr Annex
_		\$10 per couple. Call for directions.
	April 25	Mutual Funds, Boone County
		Extension 6:45 nm

## NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Feb. 23	Shiitake Mushroom Production Workshop, 6-9 pm, EEC	
Feb. 25	Bluebird House Workshop, 10 am-noon, EEC	
March 1	Outdoor Classroom Workshop for Teachers,	
	8:30 am - 4 pm, EEC. RSVP to meichtryy@nky.edu	

March 9	Tree Seminar for NKY Public Workers, 7 am - 3 pm	
	Boone Co. Extension. Call (859) 586-6101 to register.	
March 20-June 1	Walking Program, EEC	
July 15	Tree Walk, 10 am-2 pm, EEC	

	HORTIC	ULTURE
February 15	Backyard Vegetable Gardening, 6:30 pm	April 25
February 28	Backyard Vegetable Gardening, 9 am, Boone Co. Extension	
March 11	Pruning Tree Fruits & Small Fruits for a Quality Harvest,	May 2
	9 am, Boone Co. Extension	
March 22	Starting Seeds for Warm Season Crops, 9 am	May 3
March 25	Pruning Tree Fruits & Small Fruits for a Quality Harvest	

April 25	Made in the Shade: Choosing Plants for your Shady Garden, 6:30 pm
May 2	Color & Texture: Choosing Plants That Complement One Another, 6:30 pm
May 3	Planting a Home Vegetable Garden, 9 am



## **Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm

3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY 41076 phone: (859) 572-2600, fax: (859) 572-2619 e-mail: cescampb@uky.edu

http://ces.ca.uky.edu/campbell

### **County Extension Agents**

Ronda Rex, Family and Consumer Sciences Susan K. White-Sayers, Family and Consumer Sciences Don Sorrell, Agriculture and Natural Resources David K. Koester, Horticulture Owen Prim, 4-H Youth Development Sherri Farley, 4-H Youth Development Emily Harmon, 4-H Youth Development D.J. Scully, Natural Resources and Environmental Management



### **County Extension Staff**

Barb Heck, FCS Assistant
Dolores Fink, Horticulture Technician
Doris Meece, Horticulture Technician
Joyce McDole, Secretary
Marilyn Lauer, Secretary
Linda Hanses, Secretary
Diana Kasirosafar, Secretary

# **Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Established**

It costs Campbell County taxpayers over \$35 a day to house each inmate in the Campbell County Detention Center. The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not contribute towards the cost of incarceration until a prisoner has been sentenced for a crime. A prisoner may be housed in the Detention Center several months before sentencing takes place at the county's expense.

Thus, it is important to make sure that the criminal justice process operates as efficiently as possible to minimize the time before an inmate is sentenced and to minimize the time prisoners must be incarcerated at the county taxpayer expense.

Since March 2004, in the form of the Campbell County Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (CJAC), key members of the criminal justice system in Campbell County have met regularly to identify ways to make the process work more smoothly. As a result of their good work, Campbell County became the second county in the state

to implement a pre-trial conditional release program administered by the pre-trial services division of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. This has resulted in a daily reduction in the population of the Campbell County Detention Center of approximately 30 prisoners, saving taxpayers over \$360,000 per year. The members of the CJAC are working cooperatively to implement other changes that expedite the administration of justice in the County.

The Campbell County Fiscal Court is extremely appreciative of the efforts of the CJAC, which includes many elected and appointed officials in the county.

If you have any questions or comments about the work of the CJAC, please contact Melissa Williams, Director of Administration, at (859)547-1806 or mwilliams@campbellcountyky.org.

## **Parks and Recreation**

#### **Tree and Bench Memorials**

The Campbell County Fiscal Court is offering Tree and Bench Memorials at both Pendery Park and A.J. Jolly Park. Tree and Bench Memorials can be purchased to remember a loved one. Please contact Dennis Reller at dreller@campbellcountyky.org or (859) 547-3680 for more information. Brochures are available at www.campbellcountyky.org.

### **Summer Employment**

Campbell County Parks and Recreation and A.J. Jolly Golf Course will have several seasonal employment opportunities during the Summer 2006 season. Please call (859) 547-3680 for more information.



Campbell County Transportation Department officials will have extra assistance this winter from a newly constructed salt facility that will enable them to hold more salt and better prepare for winter storms.

## **Important Dates: Winter/Spring 2006**

February 20 President's Day – All Fiscal Court offices closed

February 28 Spay Day at Campbell County Animal Shelter

Please contact the Shelter for more information about spay/neuter services on this day

March 24-26 Spring Litter Abatement and Cleanup

8 am - 6 pm at the Campbell County Police Department, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Transportation Center. In addition to the litter and general debris collection at all locations, the Transportation Center will also accept scrap metal, appliances, car batteries and tires, and empty propane tanks with valves removed. (See page 9.) *Liquids will not be accepted at any site*. Please call 441-5166 for more information.

March 31 A.J. Jolly Park, Pendery Sports Complex, and

**Morscher Sports Complex open** 

April 14 Spring Break – All Fiscal Court offices closed

**April 28** Camping (weekends only) begins at A.J. Jolly Park

**April 29** Campbell County Animal Shelter Adopt-A-Thon

9 am - 4 pm

May 16 Primary Election Day

All Fiscal Court offices closed

May 26 Camping full-time begins at A.J. Jolly Park

June 3 and 4 Free Fishing Weekend A.J. Jolly Park

(statewide event)

July I Fireworks Display at A.J. Jolly Park (Tentative)

July I County dog licenses are due at the Fiscal Court

Administration Building or Animal Shelter

**July 4 Independence Day** – All Fiscal Court offices closed

August 19-20 American Power Boat Association Races

at A.J. Jolly Park

## **Solid Waste**

# Spring Litter Abatement and Clean-Up Date Set

The Campbell County Fiscal Court will once again host a Spring Litter Abatement and Clean-up event for all Campbell County residents. Campbell County's Spring Litter Abatement and Clean-up will be held on March 24-26 between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Litter and general debris will be accepted at three locations: the Campbell County Police Station off U.S. 27, Pendery Park off Route 8 in Melbourne, and the Campbell County Transportation Center on Racetrack Road in Alexandria. Liquids will not

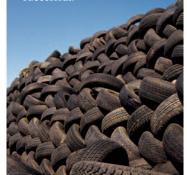
## be accepted at any site!

The Campbell County Police
Station and Pendery Park locations will
only accept litter and general debris
that may have accumulated over the
year in your house, barn, or garage. The
Campbell County Transportation Center
will not only accept litter and general
debris, but also scrap metal, appliances
(including those with Freon), car
batteries, tires (limited to four per
vehicle), and empty propane tanks with
the valves removed.

For information on this process or with any other questions, please contact Reno Deaton at (859)441-5166 or rdeaton@campbellcountyky.org.

# Fall Event a Success!

The Fall 2005 Litter Abatement and Clean-up once again proved enormously successful. With the help of residents all over the county, we were able to properly dispose of more than half a million pounds of litter and debris. Additionally, the Fiscal Court accepted over 4,500 tires, over 300 car batteries, and nearly 90 Freon bearing appliances. The continued participation of our residents makes this event so successful.



# Senior Wellness Center Earns National Award

In January, the Campbell County Senior Wellness Center celebrated its first year in operation. Open to all county residents age 60 and over, the Wellness Center offers strength training, cardio respiratory equipment, education, wellness programming, and a variety of other activities

The Wellness Center was the recipient of the 2006 Pinnacle Award from NuStep, Inc., the producer of the

NuStep TRS 400 Recumbent Cross
Trainer. The Pinnacle Award recognizes
senior wellness/fitness programming
that addresses creativity, community
involvement, healthy living, and
motivation factors. The Campbell
County Wellness Center earned the
award for the superior programs and
activities it offers to senior Campbell
Countians.

# **County Police Department**

#### Officer Returns from Duty in Iraq

Officer Thomas Lakes returned from active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the United States Army 940th Military Police Company based at the Walton National Guard Armory. Officer Lakes served from November 2004 until January 2006. The Police Department expresses sincere gratitude for the service and dedication of Patrolman Lakes to his country and our community. We are proud of him and welcome him home.

#### Recognition

Campbell County Police Officer David Halfhill was recently honored as a winner of the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement award. The award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Officer Halfhill to prevent impaired driving on state highways during 2005.

The Campbell County Police Department, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, has been named a semi-finalist for the International Association of Chiefs Webber Seaver Award for Quality in Law Enforcement. The recognition acknowledges the Department's efforts in creating the Juvenile Intensive Service Team, a juvenile offender re-entry program.

#### Citizen Police Academy

Campbell County Police will be teaching a 10-week course titled Citizens Police Academy beginning April 11, 2006. The Citizens Police Academy is a series of classes that citizens can attend for the purpose of learning about their police department and the criminal justice system from the local viewpoint. All members of the community are invited to attend this course. Applications to sign up for this course are available by contacting the Campbell County Police Department at (859)547-3100 or police@campbellcountyky.org, or on the Internet at www.campbellcountyky.org. Contact Lt. Barrett Champagne for more information.

# History of the Campbell County Police Department

The Campbell County Police Department is researching the history of the department. Anyone with information, memorabilia, or photographs of the Campbell County Police Department is asked to contact the Police Department at (859)547-3100 or police@campbellcountyky.org. There is a special interest in identifying Campbell County Police Department Chiefs of Police prior to 1958 for an historical display.

# Understanding Your

# Campbell County

You might be surprised to learn that county government only receives about 10% of your county property tax payment.

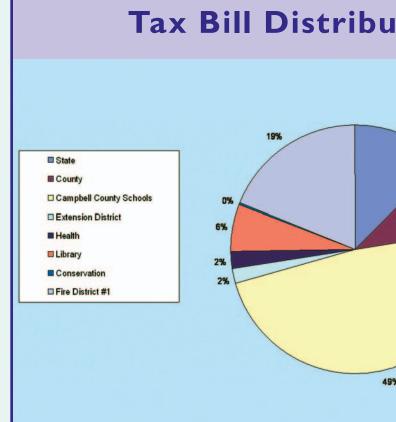
It is important that residents in Campbell County understand their property tax bills and the many agencies, programs, and governmental functions that are supported by the taxes that are paid. Residents in Kentucky pay relatively low property taxes compared with residents of other states across the nation. While no one enjoys opening

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a tax bill, it's important to remember two aspects of the bill. First, it provides for legally mandated functions, offices, and programs to ensure a high quality of life for citizens of this county and state. Second, the costs of securing programs that enhance our lives in Campbell County are much more easily and inexpensively undertaken if provided by the county government rather than everyone individually.

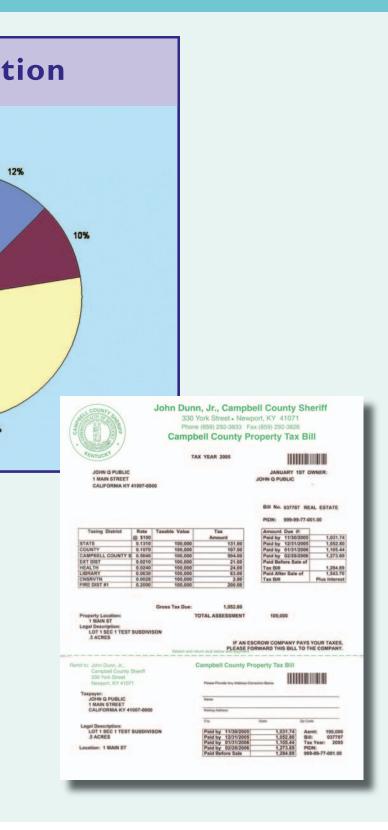
Your Campbell County property tax bill includes a total that directly reflects the taxing capacity of several agencies: the state, the county, the Cooperative Extension District, the Health District, the county public library system, the Conservation District, and possibly a fire district and your local school district. A \$100,000 home in the unincorporated county will receive a tax bill of \$1,052.80. However, the county government share of this tax bill is only \$107 and is used to support several important and necessary functions and programs — just to name a few: public safety; the jail; county roads; elections; the County Clerk, PVA, Sheriff, Coroner, Treasurer, and Judge/Executive; parks and recreation; the animal shelter; emergency management; social services; solid waste; and juvenile detention.

Property taxes actually account for just under 15% of the county's total \$28 million dollar budget. The county budget is supported by a variety of revenue sources; the largest single source of revenue for the county is actually the payroll tax. The use of the payroll tax indicates that a portion of the county's total tax burden lies with businesses and employees, whose revenue contribution improves the quality of life for both those that reside and work in Campbell County. This makes economic development and continued growth and maintenance in our business community imperative to our County's long-term progress.



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# **Property Tax Bill**



## **Campbell County Phone Directory**

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County Judge/Executive	859/292-3838
County Commissioners	859/292-3838
A.J. Jolly Golf Course	859/635-2106
Assistance Program	859/292-3819
Emergency Management	859/635-1111
Fiscal Affairs	.859/292-3898
Housing	.859/261-5200
Human Resources	859/292-3838
Lakeside Terrace	859/547-3670
Occupational License	859/292-3884
Parks and Recreation	859/547-3680
Planning and Zoning	859/292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency)	859/292-3622
Police (Administration)	859/635-7484
Senior Center	.859/572-4300
Solid Waste/Blight	859/441-5166
Transportation	859/635-9100
<b>County Offices</b>	
Circuit Clerk	.859/292-6314
Circuit Clerk — Newport Driver's License	859/292-6311
Circuit Clerk — Alexandria Driver's License	859/635-5240
Circuit Court	859/292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney	.859/292-6490
County Attorney	.859/491-5843
County Attorney — Child Support	. 859/431-0522
County Attorney — Criminal	.859/581-8015
County Clerk — Alexandria	.859/635-2151
County Clerk — Newport	859/292-3845
County Clerk — Auto Registration	859/292-3850
County Clerk — Titles and Tax Real Estate	859/292-3845

County Clerk - Voting, Marriage License......859/292-3885

## **Campbell County Animal Shelter**

## **Latest News**

### **Highlights**

- All new animal adoptions from now until June will receive a voucher for \$25 applicable toward mandatory spay/ neuter procedures at selected veterinary offices. This program is supported by a grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Please contact the Shelter for program specifics.
- The Animal Shelter will host its annual "Spay Day" on February 28, 2006. Please contact the Animal Shelter for more information about spay/neuter services available to animals adopted this day.
- The Spring Adopt-A-Thon will take place on April 29, 2006 from 9 am 4 pm. Please contact the Animal Shelter for more details about this special day.
- 2006 Campbell County
  Dog Licenses will be due July 1,
  2006. Licenses are available at the
  Animal Shelter or the Fiscal Court
  Administration Building, 24 W. Fourth
  Street, Newport, KY.

- The Animal Shelter, Wal-Mart, and Purina are partnering to find homes for all homeless pets in Campbell County. In an effort to increase adoptions, the Animal Shelter will post pictures of pets every week at the end of the pet aisle in the Alexandria Wal-Mart.
- The Animal Shelter is currently accepting applications for volunteers to walk dogs, groom animals, assist citizens as they select new pets, and participate in pet therapy. Please call the shelter for more information or download a volunteer application from the shelter website. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

#### **Shelter Receives Grant**

The Campbell County Animal Shelter this year was the recipient of an Animal Shelter Construction/ Renovation Grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Advisory Board.

Made possible through an appropriation of the 2003 General Assembly, the Animal Shelter

Construction/Renovation grant fund was established to finance the construction of new shelter facilities and the renovation of existing shelter facilities to best meet the needs of Kentucky's counties. The Campbell County Animal Shelter will use its \$20,000 grant to construct an addition in order to house cats. This addition will allow the Shelter to alleviate some crowding in the facility as it currently exists by providing a new and separate area to house cats and welcome potential owners. The area previously occupied by cats will be renovated into a room suitable for housing puppies.

### **New Recycling Program**

Residents of Campbell County are encouraged to dispose of all paper products — catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, colored or white office and fax paper, notebooks, and folders — for recycling at the Campbell County Animal Shelter in conjunction with Abitibi Paper Retriever Paper Recycling Program. The Shelter cannot accept cardboard, phone books, cereal boxes, or milk cartons.

Materials may be placed in the brightly colored green and yellow bin in the Shelter's parking lot 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Proceeds from the recycled items will directly benefit the Shelter.

## You Should Know...

- All adoptions include a free veterinarian check-up, a first set of shots and worming, and a rabies voucher. Dogs also are micro chipped and receive heartworm testing. All adopted cats and kittens receive feline leukemia testing.
- Dog adoptions must also include the purchase of a county tag for \$5.
- All animals adopted from the Campbell County Animal Shelter must be spayed or neutered.
- To help return lost pets to their owners, all animals should wear proper identification at all times, such as a county tag, rabies tag, city tag, and a simple identification tag.
  - Dogs are prohibited from running at large in any part of Campbell Co.
    - The Animal Shelter accepts donations of food, treats, toys, paper towels, bleach, and other supplies year round. Please call the Animal Shelter for more information.

## **Campbell County Dog License Form**

Campbell County requires that every dog six months or older be licensed by the county. Tags for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 are currently available for \$5. If your dog is not currently licensed, a tag expiring June 30, 2006 should be purchased now. These tags can be purchased at the Campbell County Animal Shelter, the Fiscal Court Administrative Offices (24 W. Fourth Street, Newport), or through the mail. If by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for each tag.

Owner's nam	e:				
Address:					
City and ZIP:				Phone:	
Dog's name:			Dog's breed:		
Color:				Sex: M	F
Veterinarian:					
Rabies tag:_					
		logs that have neve Expires June 30			
		TAG (for dogs that Expires June 30		usly licensed)	

## **Campbell County Animal Shelter**

#### **Location:**

1989 Poplar Ridge Rd., Melbourne, KY 41059

**Phone:** (859) 635-2819 • **Fax:** (859) 635-3594

## www.campbellcountyky.org

Click on County Services and then Animal Shelter. Pets available for adopton can be viewed by clicking on the Pets911 logo.

#### **Hours:**

10 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Fri. • 9 am - 1 pm, Saturday

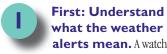
#### Cost

Dog Adoptions - \$70 • Cat Adoptions - \$45

# **Emergency Management**

## March is Storm **Preparedness Month**

The Emergency Management Office suggests the following to help you prepare for a safe storm season.



what the weather alerts mean. A watch

means that conditions exist that could develop into severe weather. A warning means that severe weather has been observed in the area.



Understand the different ways that you can be alerted

to an impending storm condition. We recommend that vou purchase a Weather Alert Radio with SAME technology. This device will alert you to all types of impending weather and disaster conditions. There are a number of brands available that cost less than \$60.

We have installed nineteen sirens that cover about 85% of the county residents. These are OUTDOOR warning devices and are not designed to be heard in a home or business. If you hear a siren activation, go inside immediately and turn on a radio or TV to determine why the siren has been activated. Today the sirens are used to warn the public of more than a weather condition. They may be activated for a hazardous spill or other condition that endangers the public.



## Third: Prepare a **Family Disaster** Plan and a Disaster

**Kit.** Our office can provide guidance for you to

develop the plan and kit to assure that you can survive a weather disaster. Keep in mind that it takes hours and many times, days for the emergency responders to reach you.

For more information, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at (859) 635-1111.



On December 12, 2005, Henry "Bud" Pogue IV was honored for his many years of extraordinary service on Campbell County's Economic Progress Authority. Bud's leadership and commitment to the citizens of Campbell County have resulted in much of the county's progress and development, and the citizens of the county are forever in his debt.

# **Preserving Our History**

The Campbell County Historical Society has been hard at work preserving Campbell County's history and researching its genealogy. We have expanded our hours to include Thursday from Noon to 4 pm. Additionally, the Historical Society is open Tuesday from Noon to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. The Historical Society requests that visitors call (859) 635-6407 before visiting so that it can best meet each individual's needs.

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month. This year's tentative schedule includes tours of the Newport Court House, the Campbell County Log Cabin Museum, and the Stained Glass Theater and will feature several speakers.

## Campbell County Fiscal Court



#### 2005 Campbell County **Fiscal Court**

Left to right: Commissioner Mark T. Hayden, Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, Commissioner David E. Otto, and Commissioner Kenneth L. Rechtin

#### **Administrative Offices**

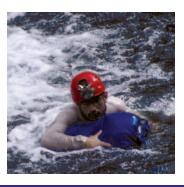
24 West Fourth Street Newport, KY 41071

phone: (859) 292-3838 fax: (859) 292-3888 inquiry@campbellcountyky.org

> office hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm, **Monday-Friday**

Visit Our Website! www.campbellcountyky.org

## **Water Rescuers Needed**



Campbell County Water Rescue Inc. is seeking dedicated, professional volunteers to join our team. If you're interested in diving, boat operations, ice rescue, swiftwater rescue or recovery operations, please contact us. You can reach us at www.ccwaterrescue.com or you may call our headquarters at (859) 635-9000.

## **New Medical House Call Program**

## Did you think medical house calls were a thing of the past? Think again.



As we long for the "good 'ole days" and for simpler times, we think of the time when the milkman delivered milk to your home and the doctor came to see you when you were sick. As we enter 2006, we can still access services without leaving home — you can do your shopping online, and

The St. Luke Hospitals are offering a program to send the doctor to your door.

Thanks to the St. Luke Senior
Medical House Call Program, senior
patients who have trouble getting to
the doctor's office can now receive
needed health services in the comfort
of their own home. A physician or nurse
practitioner specially trained in geriatric
care visits each patient once a month,
or more frequently as needed, to provide
services such as blood pressure monitoring, administration of medications
or vaccines and more. They also help

educate and counsel the patient's family members or caregivers to help them cope with the demands of caregiving.

A coordinator schedules appointments and tests, and coordinates transportation needs and hospital visits. If the patient needs hospital services, he or she is treated in a dedicated geriatrics unit at St. Luke. St. Luke offers a complete host of services for geriatric patients, including medical and surgical services.

If you or someone you know may benefit from the Medical House Call Program, call (859) 962-4601.

# Patients Transformed at the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center

Patients of the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center at The St. Luke Hospitals are experiencing amazing transformations as a result of their weight loss surgeries. More than 190 patients have lost over 11,000 pounds since the program opened in July 2004, and the results are dramatic!

Kari, 32, of Union, Kentucky, had surgery at the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center at St. Luke in November of 2004. Since then, she has lost a remarkable 118 pounds ... and gained an incredible new outlook on life!

A busy wife and mother of three, Kari has been able to be much more active since the surgery. She can now do things like skating and other activities with her children. Her weight loss has also improved her self-confidence and self-image. While she used to avoid getting her picture taken, she was excited to be featured on the St. Luke Hospital billboard. There are many other physical benefits as well.

"While weight loss surgery does change our patients' physical appearance, it is important to note that the primary goal of weight loss surgery is to improve overall health," said Tom Sonnanstine, M.D., medical director of the Center. "Many health conditions such as Type II diabetes, hypertension and sleep apnea can be reduced or even eliminated as a result of the surgery. In addition, the loss of weight can alleviate other conditions, such as joint or back pain."

The Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center at St. Luke provides an experienced staff and a multidisciplinary approach to weight loss. Dr. Sonnanstine is the first board-certified surgeon in Northern Kentucky who is fellowshiptrained in minimally-invasive weight loss surgery. In addition, all patients are enrolled in an intensive preoperative program consisting of surgical, medical, psychological and nutritional evaluation, as well as group sessions, to ensure optimal results.

Kari's overall surgical weight loss experience was very positive, and she said that Dr. Sonnanstine and his staff made her feel comfortable throughout the entire process.

For more information about the program, please call **859/962-GOAL**. Free information sessions are offered

on the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm. Please call **513/585-CARE** to register.



St. Luke Hospitals
Health Alliance www.StLuke Hospitals.com

Kari, of Union, Kentucky, has lost more than 118 pounds since her surgery in November 2004 at the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center at The St. Luke Hospitals.



## **Water District Honored**



NKWD distribution fieldmen repair a mainline break in Newport.

The Northern Kentucky Water
District (NKWD) was recently honored
with a Gold Award for Competitive
Achievement. Presented by the
Association of Metropolitan Water
Agencies (AMWA), the award recognizes
NKWD's outstanding competitive effort
and efficient operation.

AMWA praised the District as a public water agency "setting the pace for utility management practices to ensure success in an increasingly competitive environment." Judges evaluated overall efficiency, cost of operation and quality of service.

"The people associated with the District are dedicated to providing our customers with a safe, clean and sufficient water supply through a reliable system and at a reasonable cost. Their success in meeting that mission is not often recognized or honored, and the receipt of this award makes me proud to work alongside such a committed group of people," said NKWD's President/CEO, Ron Lovan.

The AMWA Gold Awards recognize large public drinking water systems whose management practices chart new financial courses, seek new growth opportunities and meet the ever-expanding array of customer service needs and expectations. The judges consider each utility's competitive strategy and assess improvement initiatives in the areas of plant, maintenance, engineering, finance, administration and employee development.

## **New VP-Finance**



Jack Bragg, NWKD's new Vice President-Finance.

NKWD recently hired Jack Bragg as Vice President - Finance. He oversees the financial, general legal and administrative areas of the District. The Florence resident is active in the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the American Water Works Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Accountants. Mr. Bragg holds bachelor's degrees in accounting and agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in business administration from Northern Kentucky University.

# **Upcoming Projects**

NKWD is working on designs for the following projects and hopes to set the projects for bid this winter or early spring. Construction will begin as bids are approved.

## Water Fill Stations - New Construction

Build two new water fill stations located on Aqua Drive in Cold Spring and John's Hill Road in Wilder.

## U.S. 27/Ft. Thomas - Pump Station Expansion

Expand the pumping station at the treatment plant on Alexandria Pike to increase water pumping capacity to the entire county.

## Lower Tug Fork - Water Main Improvement

Place an 8" water main along Lower Tug Fork, from Upper Tug Fork to the existing 6" main on Lower Tug Fork.

## Chesapeake Road Interconnect

Place a new 12" water main along Chesapeake Road from Baum Street to Kyles Lane.

## Holiday Lane - Water Main Replacement

Place a new 8" water main along Holiday Lane, from Garden Way to Hanover Court.

### East Alexandria Pike -Water Main Replacement

Place a 12" water main along East Alexandria Pike, from Cabin Creek East to Upper Tug Fork Road.

## Redstone Road - Water Main Extension

Place an 8" water main along Redstone Road, from Route 10 to Southbrook Drive.

## Fender and Truesdell Roads - Water Main Replacement

Place new 8" mains along Fender Road, east of Truesdell Road, and along Truesdell Road, south of Fender Road.

## Four Mile Road - Water Main Extension and Hydraulic Improvement

Place a new 8" water main along Four Mile Road, from Providence Trace Drive to the end of the existing water main.

## Northern Kentucky Water District

The Board of Commissioners' meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at 1 pm. 100 Aqua Drive, Cold Spring, KY 41076

Billing Questions:

(859) 578-9898

Public Service Commission Hotline:

1-800-772-4636

After Hours/Emergency Shut-off:

(513) 244-9016

Speaker Requests:

(859) 578-9898 (ext. 3075)

Bottling Requests:

(859) 578-9898 (ext. 3114)

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline:

1-800-426-4791



www.nkywater.org

## **Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator**

# 2005 Was a Great Year for PVA

Happy New Year from the Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator. 2005 was another great year for the PVA office, and I hope that 2006 is no exception.

All website users will be able to access current owner, parcel, valuation information, most recent sales information, as well as photographs of the properties, free of charge.

One major change for 2006 in my office is a new and improved website. This site will provide the same information free of charge as the old website, but in a new, easier-to-use format. All users will be able to access current owner. parcel, valuation information, most recent sales information, as well as photographs of the properties free of charge. A subscription to the site will allow users to access previous owner and parcel information, as well as prior deed and sales information. Subscribers will also be able to print property cards directly from the site and view building sketches along with tax payment information. Please visit the new site at www.campbellcountykypva.org. The old link to www.campbellpva.com will direct the user to the new website. Please let our office know if you have any comments or suggestions on how the website can be further improved. This feedback helps to improve the website for better use.

The State Legislature passed tax reform legislation that takes effect beginning January 2006. This new legislation eliminated the Intangible Personal Property tax. This is the tax on stocks, bonds, accounts receivables, mutual funds, retirement funds, and other similar accounts. Effective January 1, 2006, individuals and businesses will no longer need to file the Intangible Personal Property Tax Return with the PVA office. The Tangible Personal Property Tax Return must still be filed as in previous years.

The State of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the county at least once every four years. In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in Ft. Thomas, Southgate, and Woodlawn, along with the commercial property in the city of Wilder for the 2006 tax year. If there is a change in a property's assessment, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment increase towards the middle of April. This notice, along with an advertisement in the Kentucky Post, Kentucky Enquirer, and the Campbell County Recorder, will notify each property owner of the new property assessment, as well as the time period in which to request a conference to appeal the assessment. If you do not receive an assessment notice, you may call the office to check your current assessment at any time. Even if your property is not reassessed this year and you do not receive a notice, you may still request a conference to appeal your current assessment

The PVA's Office is here to serve the taxpayers and citizens of Campbell County. My staff and I strive to provide the best customer service possible to the taxpayers. Please call, write, or email any suggestions or comments about our office.

# Homestead/Disability Exemptions

Property owners 65 years of age or older who own, maintain and reside at the property qualify for the Homestead Exemption. If you meet these requirements, please come to the office to apply. If you are currently receiving this exemption, you do not have to apply annually. To receive the disability exemption, you must own and occupy your home, be totally disabled, and apply annually. If you qualify, please stop by the PVA office and complete the necessary exemption form.



## **Campbell County PVA**



**Daniel Braun,** Administrator Campbell County Courthouse 330 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071

**phone:** (859) 292–3871 **fax:** (859) 292–0353

email: dbraun@campbellcountyky.org

office hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm\* (\*additional hours for motor vehicle questions: first and last Monday of each month, 4 - 6 pm first and last Saturday of each month 9 am - noon)

**Mailing Address:** The PVA office maintains the current owner's name and mailing address for all property. If you have any changes in your mailing address, please call (859) 292–3871, email dbraun@campbellcountyky.org, or fax (859) 292–0353.

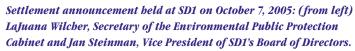
Property Valuation Administration impacts every property owner in the County. This newsletter provides information about the functions of the office and its impact on property owners. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions for topics that you would like to read more about.

www.campbellcountykypva.org

# Long-Term Plan to Address Sewer Overflows in Northern Kentucky

## 20-year plan mandates an \$880 million investment





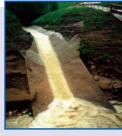
The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) have reached a settlement with Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) to address sewer overflows and improve water quality in Northern Kentucky. This settlement will require SD1 to invest an estimated \$880 million over the next 20 years to implement specific corrective action plans to bring combined sewer overflows into compliance with water quality standards and to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows.

The settlement features an innovative watershed approach that will comprehensively address pollution sources on receiving waters. It will be the first in the nation to use a watershed approach in addressing sewer overflows.

"This settlement takes a holistic approach to improving water quality in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Lloyd Cress, Commissioner of the State Department for Environmental Protection (DEP), said. "The unique watershed approach set forth in this consent decree should serve as a benchmark for other utilities across the nation facing similar issues."

Watershed plans will be developed for each of the region's four major watersheds to strategically identify, evaluate, prioritize and correct the principal pollution factors unique to each area. These plans are required to include components for a Long Term Control Plan addressing combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Plan to address overflows in the separate sewer system.

Sanitation District No. 1 has been working diligently since the mid-1990s to deal with the infrastructure problems inherited when the aging sanitary systems were turned over to the District's care from the municipalities of Northern Kentucky.





Combined sewer overflows (CSOs), top, and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), bottom, typically occur during times of heavy rain or snow melt. To learn more about sewer overflows and what you can do to protect yourself and the environment against the associated risks, visit our new website at www.sd1.org.

Jeff Eger, General Manager of the District, said, "We have made great progress in the last 10 years, including the reduction of over 50 sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), elimination of over 1,000 failing septic systems, and we have spent over \$65 million upgrading and rehabilitating pump stations and sanitary sewer lines. But there is still much to be done, and it is a daunting challenge to meet these regulations without significant funding from either the state or federal government."

The EPPC and EPA are now reviewing all comments received during the public comment period and will soon finalize the settlement in the form of a consent decree. It is anticipated that the consent decree will be filed in U.S. District Court in early 2006.

## Watershed Community Council

Sanitation District No. 1 will be forming a Watershed Community Council as part of an ongoing effort to solicit public input throughout the watershed planning and development process. Using a community-based approach to resource planning will enable residents of the three-county area to provide input on solutions to environmental issues that Northern Kentucky's watersheds are currently facing. Those interested in participating on the Watershed Community Council can obtain an application by e-mailing SD1 at info@sd1.org.

#### What Is a Watershed?



A watershed is a defined area of land that drains into a particular body of water, such as a stream, river,

lake or ocean. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes and can cross city, state and even national borders. A healthy watershed provides habitats for plants, aquatic life, and animals as well as high-quality water for human use.

#### **Watershed Facts**

- The Ohio River Watershed spans 11 states, covering more than 203,940 square miles.
- The Licking River Watershed drains roughly 3,600 square miles (about 10%) of the Bluegrass State. More than 250,000 Kentuckians rely on the Licking River for drinking water.
- The Banklick Creek Watershed spans more than two-thirds of Kenton County.

# Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (ERWWTP) is currently under construction in southern Campbell County. The ERWWTP is located off of State Route 10 next to the existing Alexandria Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new plant will be an advanced secondary treatment facility with state-of-the-art ultraviolet light disinfection systems. The plant is scheduled to be online in 2007 with a capacity to treat 4 million gallons of wastewater per day.

The District recently completed a draft Facilities Plan Update for the ERWWTP that proposes moving the plant's discharge location from the Ohio River to Brush Creek. This change requires the installation of advanced treatment processes to achieve higher water quality standards than the

standards required to discharge into the Ohio River. The Facilities Plan Update has been submitted to the Kentucky Division of Water for review and approval.

Improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system in Alexandria and southern Campbell County are also required to convey the wastewater to the new treatment plant and address sewer overflows that occur during rain events. These improvements, currently under construction, include the installation of approximately 11 miles of sewer line, replacement of 4 pump stations, elimination of 2 pump stations, construction of 1 new pump station, and the elimination of 4 small wastewater treatment plants. Total project costs for the ERWWTP and collection system is estimated at \$75 million.

Top: An oxidation ditch will be used at the Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the biological treatment process. It is an effective form of secondary wastewater treatment technology.

Bottom: The administration building at the new treatment plant is near completion and will house a laboratory, control room, office space, locker facilities, and a meeting room.





For more information, visit our new website at www.sd1.org!

## **Campbell County Community Media**

# **CCCM** and Cline Elementary — B.E.S.T. Partners



The Student Technology Learning Program kids from Cline Elementary did a tremendous job on their live newscast from the Campbell County Community Media Center studio.

**Campbell County Community** Media (CCCM) is proud to announce it has partnered with Cline Elementary as a B.E.S.T. Partner. B.E.S.T. stands for Business Education Success Teams and is a program through the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. CCCM and Cline Elementary's first project together was a LIVE studentproduced newscast from the Campbell County Community Media Center studio on the B.E.S.T. partnership and what the students learned on their field trip to the Media Center. The students did a tremendous job and CCCM is proud to be working with them.

Campbell County Community Media is offering opportunities to you, too! For those who have not yet heard about our great resource, please check us out. We offer tools and training on some of the latest technology available in video production, enabling you to create cable programming at no cost. Our service is available to residents, not-for-profit organizations, agencies and clubs in Campbell County. Our cable channels are a great means of communicating and entertaining the Campbell County community. Grasp hold of this unique opportunity. If you do not have a program idea of your own but are interested in learning the creative process and would like to volunteer to help on another show, our current producers would gladly accept your assistance.

Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you! Call now, 781-3495, ext. 12 or check us out on the web, www.campbellmedia.org

# **Library Offers New Services and Choices**

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A new 24-hour automated phone service allows Library patrons to hear what they have checked out, renew items, get details on charges, and more. To use this service, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) needs to be on file with the Library. Then, call (859) 572-5041, enter your library card number and PIN, and you can access your account information.

#### www.askwhyky.org

Reference services are now available 24-hours a day, every day of the year. Made available by the Campbell, Boone



and Kenton County Public Libraries, askwhyky.org puts you in touch with a reference librarian whenever you have a question.

To use the service, simply log on to www.askwhyky.org or visit the Library's Web site at www.cc-pl.org and click on the askwhyky.org icon. Fill in your name, ask a question, and within seconds, "chat" with a knowledgeable and highly trained reference librarian. Questions also may be submitted via e-mail.

"This is a great service, especially for those who need questions answered

accurately and quickly," said JC Morgan, director of the Campbell County Public Library. "Reference librarians are trained to find accurate information, which makes this service more reliable than standard Web searches."

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## **Northern Kentucky Health Department**

# Prevention Pays! Women's Cancer Screenings Offered

The Northern Kentucky Health Department and Northern Kentucky Women's Cancer Coalition are making it easier for eligible women to receive important screenings not only for breast cancer, but also for cervical cancer.

Eight "Prevention Pays" cancer screening days have been scheduled, two at each of the Health Department's four county health centers, throughout 2006. On the designated screening days, eligible women will be able to have an annual exam including a pap smear, pelvic exam and clinical breast exam performed by a nurse practitioner, as well as receive a mammogram in the mobile mammography unit from either St. Elizabeth Medical Center or The St. Luke Hospitals which will be parked outside the health center.

To be eligible for the screening, women must be between the ages of



Maria Weier of Bromley fills out paperwork prior to her annual exam and mammogram during a Prevention Pays cancer screening day held in January at the Kenton County Health Center in Covington.

40 and 64, have an income below 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (currently \$23,926 for a single-person household and \$43,538 for a four-person household), and not be enrolled in a private health insurance plan, Medicare or Medicaid. Appointments are required for the screenings. Women are asked to schedule their appointments in advance.

Two of the screenings will be held at the Campbell County Health Center, 12 E. Fifth St. in Newport, from 8 am to 3:30 pm on Friday, May 26, and Friday, November 3. For a complete list of dates and times or more information on the Prevention Pays screening days, please call (859) 341-4264 or visit www.nkyhealth.org.

## Northern Kentucky Health Department

#### Campbell County Health Center

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## Northern Kentucky Health Department

# **Stop the Spread of Germs!**

This cold and flu season, the Northern Kentucky Health Department is getting into the etiquette business. It's not your typical "Miss Manners" kind of etiquette, though — the Health Department is promoting respiratory etiquette this winter, as cold and flu germs make their way through our community.

Illnesses cost a lot of money each year, in both doctors' bills and lost days of work or school. In a 2003 study, researchers at the University of Michigan found that common colds cost the U.S. economy approximately \$40 billion per year. Each year, American school children miss an average of 189 million school days because of colds. Parents miss 126 million days of work each year to stay home and care for their sick children. The total cost of these lost days of school and work is \$20 billion per year.

You can help prevent the spread of illnesses and the resulting lost days of school or work by practicing good respiratory etiquette. Two practices are key to preventing the spread of germs: covering your cough and washing your hands.

By simply covering your mouth when you cough, you can stop the spread of respiratory illnesses such as influenza, whopping cough, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome). Here's how to cover your cough:

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- Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue every time you cough or sneeze
- Throw your used tissues away in a waste basket
- Sneeze or cough in your sleeve if you don't have a tissue available
- Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing either with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Washing your hands frequently can also reduce germ transmission. Proper hand washing can prevent diarrheal illnesses, colds and the flu. You should wash your hands before preparing or eating food, adding ice to glasses, treating a cut or wound or tending to someone who is sick. You should wash your hands after using the restroom, handling uncooked meat, coughing or sneezing, treating a cut or wound, caring for someone who is sick, changing a diaper or handling garbage.

Just running your hands under some warm water isn't going to stop the spread of germs. You should take the following steps to properly wash your hands:

- Use warm running water and soap
- Rub hands together for 10 to 15 seconds — longer if you have visible dirt. Wash between your fingers, under fingernails and on the backs of your hands
- Rinse hands with warm running

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Washing your hands frequently can reduce germ transmission.

- Dry with a clean or disposable towel
- If hand washing facilities are not available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Other ways to prevent the spread of germs include staying home when you're sick, avoiding close contact with people who are sick and not sharing eating utensils, drinking glasses/cups or other personal items.

For more information on preventing disease transmission, contact the Health Department's Epidemiology Services office at 859/363-2070 or visit our web site at www.nkyhealth.org.



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